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Station Test Calendar
WNAR PA 1620 daily 0300-0304

From the Publisher ... TA's are starting to penetrate to the heartland, with Europeans sending signals at a high enough level to provide hots on my receivers.

Registrations for e-DXN continue to increase, but there's room for more. Remember, registration is free for all until January 1. Don't forget to use your real name when you sign up.

Volunteers Needed ... We've received many suggestions for changes and additions recently ... some of them impossible, some of them quite doable ... and if any of them are to be implemented, we also need volunteers:

- Wayne Heinen: A person who is versed in html and web design to maintain the NRCDXAS web site, and a second person who is familiar with phpBB and html to maintain the new e-DXN site.

- Paul Swearingen: An experienced, responsible NRC'er who could serve as moderator for e-DXN, supervising all forums and reviewing content;

An editor/moderator who could edit a new column tentatively entitled "DX Targets"; it would include lists of current and past DX targets for various parts of the country and would depend heavily upon membership input;

An editor who could glean information from e-DXN and other online sources and present it to DXN-only subscribers; this editorship would be a direct replacement of the DX'er's Notebook editorship (and may not be available until Jan. 1);

A DXpert who could revive the Answerman column; this would be a direct replacement of Target DX editor Russ Edmunds who is retiring, and many, many thanks to Russ for his uncountable years of sage advice in DXN and elsewhere.

2005 Midwest DX Get-together Nov. 11-13, Lebanon, MO ... From John Tudenham: "Since 1993 we have had a midwest fall get-together every year but one in locations in MO, IL and OK, many along I-44 and old highway 66

"This year's will be held in Lebanon MO, 50

miles NE of Springfield and about 160 miles SW of St Louis Friday through Sunday Nov 11-13th.

"The location is the historic Route 66 Inn, formerly the Best Way Inn, located near exit 127 on I-44. Location is 1710 W Elm which is old Highway 66 on the north side of I-44. Don't worry about high gas prices; I can get you a special rate of \$33.00 a night at this motel. Good location, cable TV, plenty of eating places within walking distance. Also Lebanon is a very good DX location on AM with only one full time station, KLWT-1230 (where Jim Bohannon got his start in radio). Possible tour of KBNN-AM/KJEL-FM.

"Plenty to see in the area, including a Route 66 museum and Bennett Springs State Park. For those interested Branson MO is only 85 miles distant.

"A reservation is probably not needed; phone number is 417-532-3128. For more information, contact John Tudenham - 417-624-8058; <<w0jrp@earthlink.net>>."

Welcome to these new members ... Marcus Barboni, Norristown, PA; A House of Engraving, Redding, CA; Frank B. Szucs, Geneva, OH; David Larrabee, Columbia, MD; Gregory Kundert, Detroit Lakes, MN; Dan Schrader, Saylorsburg, PA.

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the October 29, 1955 DXN: Twenty-three DX programs for the NRC were scheduled for the month of November, 1955. Len Kruse, Dubuque, IA submitted a list of 100 construction permits for new stations that were issued by the FCC as of 10/15/55.

25 years ago ... from the November 3, 1980 DXN: Gene Martin, Denver, CO reported that the first TA signals of the season were coming in as early as mid-September on 657 kHz, with time pips taped at 0258 9/28.

10 years ago ... from the October 23, 1995 DXN: Several DX'ers reported hearing what they thought could have been WJDM-1660, Elizabeth, NJ ... Denis Picard, Trois-Rivières-Oest, Canada wa selling a Quantum loop for \$135 Canadian.

AM Switch

Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC, CRTC, and listeners

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	<u>Old Call</u>		<u>New Call</u>
1010	NEW	MN Sauk Rapids	WPPI

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

1090	WILD	MA Boston - CP granted to reduce power to become D1 4800/0 CH 1900 at the corrected transmitter coordinates of N42-24-10 W71-04-28.
1280	CJSL	SK Estevan - CP granted to change from U4 10000/10000 to U3 10000/10000, using the night pattern at all hours. The pattern heads NNE and eliminates most, if not all, of the signal to the south.
1340	WCMI	KY Ashland - CP granted to relocate their transmitter to a new tower at N38-28-02 W82-35-50 and increase their power to become U1 1000/1000.
1400	KLCK	WA Goldendale - Coordinate correction to N45-49-25 W120-15-16. Station remains U1 1000/1000. [See related activity below]
1490	KRNR	OR Roseburg - CP granted to relocate their transmitter site to that of KQEN-1240 at N43-11-35 W123-21-39. KRNR remains U1 1000/1000.
1560	WBYS	IL Canton - CP granted to add night service as U1 250/18.

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

820	WAIT	IL Chicago - Applies for auxiliary facilities of D1 3200/0 from the roof-top antenna of co-owned WSBC-1240, just north of their current licensed transmitter location.
1340	CKDR-5	ON Red Lake - Applies to move to 97.1 MHz following the path of their parent station, CKDR-800, which is moving to 92.7 MHz.
1400	CKDR-2	ON Sioux Lookout - Applies to move to 97.1 MHz [see above].
1420	WFLT	MI Flint - Coordinate correction to N43-01-19 W83-38-35.
1450	KGFF	OK Shawnee - Applies to relocate to a new 200-foot tower with U1 560/1000.
1600	WCGO	IL Chicago Heights - Applies to move to 1020 kHz with D3 10000/0 and move the city-of-license to Jenison, Michigan, a suburb of Grand Rapids. The proposed pattern is kidney-shaped with the bulk of the signal headed 280 degrees out over Lake Michigan and into Wisconsin. The station's owner Kovas Communications, has also applied to move WMOW-1600 from Harvard, Illinois to Weston, Wisconsin. If both of those actions are approved, 1600 will be opened up in Northern Illinois.
1600	KCIA	WCFO
	WTAS	102.3 MCS/FM

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS SUBMITTED

1140	WRMQ	FL Orlando - Licensed for D1 5000/0, WRMQ has a CP for U2 4600/245 CH 4600 along with an amendment to change their City-of-license to Goldenrod, Florida with U2 5000/1500. This amendment is for U1 5000/8 back at Orlando.
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APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES DISMISSED

1400	KLCK	WA Goldendale - Application for U1 1000/250 dismissed at applicant's request. [See related activity above]
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APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

750	NEW	ME Hampden - Applies for U2 50000/10000.
1130	NEW	OR Mount Angel - Applies for U4 7500/250.

LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

1140	KSOO	SD Sioux Falls	1580	KTLU	TX Rusk
1580	KIRT	TX Mission			

Expiring? Time to renew? Not sure when? Need to call or e-mail someone or join e-DXN or DXAS? Check the back page - it's all right there!

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HEAR AND THAR

- Stations reported to be back on: WMTC-730 Vandlce, Kentucky with a religious format and *Winning Many To Christ* slogans; KINF-1020 Roswell, New Mexico; and KJEF-1290 Jennings, Louisiana with C&W and *Cajun Country* KLCL slogans. Stations with the Plate Voltage in the Off position: KUHD-1150 Port Neches, Texas.
- Thanks to John Bowker, Wayne Heinen, Doug Smith, and Fred Vobbe for help this time. See you next week!



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To Mr. Station Manager

Radio W.I.M.A.-1150 kHz

LIMA, OH. U.S.A.

Bologna, 26/03/05

Dear Friend,

I was very pleased to listen your station from Mount Donato, hill near my town, on 27/04/05, on a frequency of 1150 kHz, at 23 h 00 time UTC.

Your station came in rather bad and with a very very audibility. There were lots of statics and your station also faded very much in and out. Partly it was quite inaudible and there were long delays and breaks in the transmission. The overall merit of the reception quality is FAIR. I am sorry that my reception report has so few details, but that is because I heard you for such a short time and under very bad reception conditions.

Details: "IDENTIFICATION-CALL-SIGNAL! ...W.I.M.A....CH1150..."
"INTERFERENCE-FROM-K.S.E.N"

My receiver is a ICOM R-75, connected to a Long-Wire Loop Yagi 8 elem.()/antenna.
20 Meters

I live with my family in the city of Bologna, the population is around 350.000 inhabitants. Bologna, is located on the centre of Emilia Romagna (one of the 20 Italian regions). The town is founded by Etrusci and Romans, the city is very very important for the big and historical university, democracy, industry and gastronomy. Bologna is surrounded by a medieval town-wall and it has also got many beautiful palace and medieval church. The climate is moderated for the Appennino (mountains), average mean temperatures are 25°/34°C in summer and 2°/12°C in winter.

I would be very happy if you could send me a card or letter of verification, to confirm my reception. Please indicate the date, the time and the frequency of my listening. I very much hope that you will attend to this request and many thanks in advance for your assistance.

Best Regards,

Giovanni Bellabarba

*Bent Wiles, PA
Bologna!*

Fred Vobbe intercepted this obviously-faked reception report from the infamous G. Bellabarba to WIMA-1150, Lima, OH. Beware of Bellabarba baloney from Bologna!

Domestic DX Digest

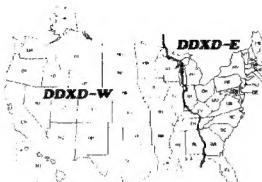
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between East and
Central time zones)



DX Catches in the U. S. and Canada, with 24-br. ELT

DDXD-West

FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

- This note from Neil Kazaross, dated 10/6, caught my undivided attention: "I've been DXing from Illinois for almost 13 years and tonight features the best low band conditions I've ever had!" That's sort of like Tiger Woods proclaiming, "That's the best round of golf I have ever shot!" Read on to see what Kaz was hearing that night. You will also see that Kaz is not alone—a fine turnout with plenty of great loggings again this issue.
- October is a great month for BCB DX, and I hope that all DDXD-W readers are finding the time to spend at their radios. 73 Bill

Reporters

DP-HI	Dale Park, Honolulu. Sangean ATS-818CS, Terk AM1000 loop.
GH-IL	Greg Harris, Park Forest. FRG100B / Quantum Loop V2.
JJR-WI	John Rieger, South Milwaukee. Icom IC-R75, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner-preamp, GE Superadio III, Terk AM 1000 loop (for overnight graveyard taping).
JV-KY	John F. Vervoort, Madisonville. Sony ICF-SW7600GR.
JW-CO	John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
MS-MB	Morris Sorensen, Winnipeg. YB-400 with stock antenna.
NK-IL	Neil Kazaross, Barrington. R8A, E-W Phased BOG System.
RT-MN	Rick Turner, Bemidji. YB400PE, Select-A-Tenna 541.
WH-CO	Wayne Heinen, Aurora amradiologbook@aol.com . Drake R8B, N/S flag and an E/W flag (Between the Honey Locust & Aspen trees), SuperPhaser II, a small vertical & QuickRecorder on the PC.
Ed.-WI	Your editor, Madison. Drake R8B, Quantum QX Pro loop.

Station News

630	KHOW CO	Denver.	Per Rocky Mountain News, station is replacing Westwood One's Bill O'Reilly with Premiere Radio's Glenn Beck. Like O'Reilly, who once worked in Denver TV news, Beck will be tape-delayed at 1406-1600. (DP-HI)
920	KVEL UT	Vernal.	10/2 0000. Dominant. They have dropped the oldies from their format and now run Fox Sports overnight. (WH-CO)
1020	KINF NM	Roswell.	10/10 2201. "AM 1020 KINF Roswell" during ESPN coverage of Angels vs. Yankees playoff game. This silent station appears to be back. (WH-CO)
1160	KSL UT	Salt Lake City.	Per Salt Lake Tribune, station has replaced Bill O'Reilly with Ed Schultz in the 2107-2400 timeslot until they find a local host to take over. (DP-HI)
1240	KADS OK	Elk City.	10/7 0200. Multi-station WWLS Sports Animal Network ID. A new catch for me! You can also add this one to the "The Sports Animal" Group at the front of your 26 th edition Log. (WH-CO)

Presumed, Tentative, UnID

NOTE TO e-DXN USERS: If you can identify or verify stations listed in this section, please post a reply to this column with the relevant information/confirmation. We now have the capability of IDing these loggings with a speed only imagined in print-only DX News days. (Ed.-WI)

800	UNID	10/12 0700.	Poor. SSB, then male and female talking about good sleeping weather, then into Bible readings. "??" Radio slogan used two times. (JJR-WI) (Quite likely KQCV, Oklahoma City -pls.)
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930	UNID	10/11 2257.	Up briefly with an ad for the Johnson Motor Company, "located in the Aberdeen Service Center," then lost to WKY. Possibly KSDN. (RT-MN)
960	KNDNt NM	Farmington.	9/27 2206. Poor, with Navajo chanting noted over/under cheating KFLN's news, with weakish KMA in a fade and CFAC not in well yet. Later at 2241, fair and clear signal, with chanting for about a minute until swamped by KFLN. I call this tentative since I didn't hear any announcements, but KNDN is the only Navajo station on 960, and at 2241 it was unmistakably clear as day. Would be new, but hesitant to count it without announcement or ID. (NK-IL)
990	UNID	10/8 0603.	Poor but alone with "that's the morning news from AM 990 WX?D." Lost to CBW by 0605. I'm 90% sure of the "WX" part of the calls. Stumped! (JJR-WI)
1240	UNID	10/11 0420.	Poor in fade-up with classic rock, live female jock, and slogan "97-7 the Fox." Not a clue. (JJR-WI)
			Regular DX Loggings (times in ELT)
560	KSFO CA	San Francisco.	10/7 0659. Man with ID "KSFO San Francisco-Oakland... The Bay Area's Home of Rush Limbaugh," into ABC news. Poor; unID way underneath. (DP-HI)
560	KWTO MO	Springfield.	10/8 0657. Fair with local ad and promo for Paul Harvey's "The Rest of the Story" "...on AM 560 KWTO, Springfield." NEW! (MS-MB)
570	WNAX SD	Yankton.	10/12 0735. Poor, with calls, over WKYX, WMAM and an unID C&W station. (JJR-WI)
580	CKPR ON	Thunder Bay.	10/11 0715. Poor though clear and alone, with "580 CKPR" ID in passing. (JJR-WI)
600	KVNA AZ	Flagstaff.	10/6 2250-2320. Poor to fair in peaks through weakish WMT and an unID C&W (still I chase CJWW). Phoenix Coyotes hockey coverage vs. LA Kings. Likely left day power on for the game, but still I was shocked to hear this. NEW !! (NK-IL)
600	KOGO CA	San Diego.	10/6 2358:30. Poor to fair, over/under weakish WMT (potential eastern QRM phased out), with end of Dr. Laura program, local ad, call ID. More chatter and other IDs at 2359 and at 2400: "KOGO News... nine o'clock." Also sounded like a couple of 'kogo' mentions in chatter. NEW and a huge surprise in the best EVER low band westerly BCB conditions ever noted here !!! (NK-IL)
620	KJOL CO	Grand Junction.	10/6 2324. Good in peaks, clearly atop CKRM / WTMJ, with "Living on the Edge" religious oriented program, ID at 2330: "Family friendly and listener supported, AM 620 and 1400 KJOL." New and on day power. (NK-IL)
630	WBMQ GA	Savannah.	10/11 0706. Poor in CFCO null. Calls, Bill Bennett. Rare! (JJR-WI)
650	WNMT MN	Nashwauk.	10/12 0759. ID by man: "Newstalk AM 650 WNMT Nashwauk, a service of Midwest Communications," followed by ABC News. Fair/poor reception. Last heard in 1999. (JW-CO)
660	CFRR AB	Calgary.	10/11 0757. Poor, hindered by a local buzz, with oldies, male DJ, two "660 CFR" IDs. The DJ announced that the 6:00 news would follow the next song, but at 0758 WSCR 670 turned on their IBOC noise generator, wiping out the opportunity to hear it. NEW! Thanks to John Rieger, whose logging of 9/23 inspired me to camp on this frequency daily at this hour until I finally logged it. (Ed.-WI)
680	KWKA NM	Clovis.	10/10 2116. Fair and mixing with KNBR, with oldies format. (WH-CO)
690	CBKF1 SK	Gravelbourg.	10/11 2258. Fair over CINF with some CJOB splatter. French talk with Radio Canada mention. Radio Canada network ID at 2200. NEW! (MS-MB)
720	KDWN NV	Las Vegas.	10/1 2200. Rare over WGN, with newstalk format and Fox News. (WH-CO)
750	KHWG NV	Fallon.	10/12 0911. Man with ID just as I landed on the frequency: "You're listening to KHWG 750 Fallon, Nevada. From everybody here at K-Hawg, thank you for listening," and into the C&W classic "Kalijah," followed by a Tammy Wynette tune. Reception, which had been pretty good, ended abruptly when local KKZN 760 turned on their IBOC at 0915. At least I got the ID for a

				new one, NV #21. (JW-CO)
790	WTSK	AL	Tuscaloosa.	10/10 0435. Poor, in the clear, with satellite UC gospel, ID by a female: "790 WTSK the Truth." Nominally runs 36 watts nights (5 kw days). (Ed.-WI)
810	WHB	MO	Kansas City.	9/30 0400. Sport talk, mixed with KGO most of the morning. (WH-CO)
810	KGO	CA	San Francisco.	9/30 0500. Local Talk, dominant all morning. (WH-CO)
810	KXOI	TX	Crane.	9/30 0700. Loud with the loop N/S. This turned out to be my dominant SS. "KXOI Crane, Texas, Radio Alabanza." (WH-CO)
810	KSWV	NM	Santa Fe.	9/30 0905. Power up with EE/SS ending, into ABC news in EE. (WH-CO)
820	KUTR	UT	Taylorsville.	9/27 2132. Fair somewhat under WBAP, with CHAM pest phased out. This time I managed to remove my previous tentatives (see DDXD-W #73-2 Ed.-WI) by catching a couple of Utah mentions during a break from their talk. New! (NK-IL)
830	CKKY	AB	Wainwright.	9/29 2350. Poor to fair in peaks under WCCO, with Hot County format and "Key 83" ID in break. Also heard 10/6 2304, fair; news ending into Alberta temperatures, weather, public service announcements, and Edmonton mention. (NK-IL)
830	KFLT	AZ	Tucson.	9/30 2126. Full ID with religious music. (WH-CO)
860	KMVP	AZ	Phoenix.	9/29 2325. Fair in peaks over KNUJ and others with CJBC phased out. ESPN coverage heard for about five minutes, and then a mention of upcoming Arizona Cardinals football from Mexico City "on ESPN 860." Also heard 10/6 2212-3, fair in peaks with Arizona State U coaches' show. (NK-IL)
890	WAMG	MA	Dedham.	9/29 2218. Poor to fair over SS station and under phased WLS. "There's no better sports town than Boston, and no better place for sports than ESPN 890," plus some area ads and team mentions. NEW!! (NK-IL)
890	KQLX	ND	Lisbon.	9/30 2040. Good to very good over/under WLS (45 miles South) phase null with several IDs and into C&W music. (NK-IL)
890	KQLX	ND	Lisbon.	10/11 0903. Hockey scores, area news and ads, ND/SD/MN weather and temperatures at 0913; a couple of call letter IDs. Fair in null of local TIS. Last heard back in the '90s. (JW-CO)
890	KDXU	UT	Saint George.	9/30 2123. Good with HS Football. (WH-CO)
890	KDJQ	ID	Meridian.	9/30 2155. Fair to good over/under phased WLS with Mexican music ending, into a clear "Oye Ocho Noventa" ID by a slightly excited male announcer. I too was excited, as by 2158 it was very good and clearly the best signal ever heard here from this difficult state, swamping WLS phase null!! Dropped out instantly at 2200 switch just as WLS started the news. (Also noted the night previous, but not as good and not IDable). NEW for Idaho #6 on regular service. (NK-IL)
900	KSGL	KS	Wichita.	10/11 0859. Weather, CDT time check, legal ID, then "Insight For Living" at 0900. Fair at best for this 250-watter. (JW-CO)
920	KKLS	SD	Rapid City.	10/2 2100. "Cool 92" and oldies format. (WH-CO)
920	KXLY	WA	Spokane.	10/3 0000. Good with newstalk, ID into ABC News. (WH-CO)
940	KVSH	NE	Valentine.	10/12 2000. Fair to good in CJGX null, with Huskers vs. Texas Tech volleyball. "You're listening to Big Red Volleyball, brought to you by Ace Hardware and American Family Insurance in Valentine," ad for the Nebraska Lottery urging people to buy Powerball. Legal ID at 2100: "This is the voice of north-central Nebraska and south-central Iowa, Heart City Radio, AM Nine Forty KVSH Valentine." (RT-MIN)
960	WERC	AL	Birmingham.	10/8 0132. "Your official weather station, Newsradio Nine-sixty WERC." Fair signal. (JV-KY)
960	CFFX	ON	Kingston.	10/8 0655. Fair; no WSBT. "Kingston's Oldies 960." (JJR-WI)
960	KLTF	MN	Little Falls.	10/11 0808. Poor in WSBT null, with ad for a business "in downtown Little Falls," then "KLTF newstime...." Rare! (JJR-WI)
970	WKCI	VA	Waynesboro.	10/8 0600. Fair and alone with gardening show, ads, web info, legal ID // WKCY 1300, Fox news. NEW! Also heard on 10/12 at 0650, poor with two Waynesboro ads, feature. Took 38 years to hear this one, and now I've heard it two times in four days! (JJR-WI)
970	WZAM	MI	Ishpeming.	10/11 0804. Poor. "ESPN 970" non-IDs and local HSFB info; "Hematites" (the Ishpeming HS nickname) mentioned. Rare! (JJR-WI)

1040	CKST	BC	Vancouver.	9/29 2250. Fair in peaks, in background of WHO, with sports, Canadian ads and "The Team" and "Team 1040" mentions. (NK-IL)
1070	WTWK	NY	Plattsburgh.	10/7 2226. Very good atop WIBC, CHOK, etc., with WTSO and westerlies phased. C&W music, a "US 93.7" ID (station is // WUSX 93.7 Addison VT Ed.-WI) and promo stating that Air America is now on WVAA 1390. Daytimer left on late, and thanks to Barry McLarnon for the tip. New!! (NK-IL)
1070	WINA	VA	Charlottesville.	10/8 0650. Poor but alone, with weather, promo, talk. (JJR-WI)
1090	KPTK	WA	Seattle.	10/4 0359. McGruff PSA, then promo listing station's talk show hosts, ending with "10-90 KPTK Seattle," into news. Very poor, with KWAI 1080 splatter. (DP-HI)
1100	KNZZ	CO	Grand Junction.	9/30 2152. This one with pattern or power problems, loud over KMXA 1090 slop with Michael Savage. (WH-CO)
1140	CHRB	AB	High River.	10/11 0800. Poor in WJNZ null. Sat through 1-2-3-4-5, SIX songs until jock came on with web info, two ads, "AM 1140, A Golden West Station" and news by a female. NEW! for Alberta #8. (JJR-WI)
1150	KTLK	CA	Los Angeles.	10/4 0151. Tape-delayed "Mike Malloy Show" on Air America (five seconds behind KPTK-1090), network ads. Fade out and then back in with a lending company ad, ID "KTLK AM 11-50 Los Angeles"; local newscast mentioning slogan "L.A.'s Progressive Talk, AM 11-50." Fair; unID way underneath. (DP-HI)
1190	KVSV	KS	Beloit.	10/7 2156. HSFB game between Beloit and Russell, with Beloit leading after 3 periods, 37-7. Ads for City Plumbing, Heating and Air and Security Savings and Trust, Beloit; call IDs. Station is nominally 90 watts night, 2300 watts day. (Ed.-WI)
1240	KBIZ	IA	Ottumwa.	10/11 0738. Very poor though clear. "KBIZ news" in mess. (JJR-WI)
1250	WGL	IN	Fort Wayne.	10/9 2314. "1250 the River" by a male announcer, then oldies musical selections. Decent signal for about 5 minutes, then wiped out by WSSP Milwaukee. (GH-IL)
1300	WFRX	IL	West Frankfort.	10/11 0633. Very poor with "Music of your Life on WFRX AM 1300" by very down-tempo male jock. First new log on 1300 since 1-2-85! NEW! (JJR-WI)
1310	KOCR	MO	Joplin.	10/11 0630. Poor, alone with no WIBA, just 90 miles west! Very soft, light religious music, with jingle, calls. First logged as Top 40 KFSB in 1979. Rare! (JJR-WI)
1350	KCAR	TX	Clarksville.	10/6 0200. "Classic Country" format, mixing with KRNT. Fairly dominant considering 65 watts night power. (WH-CO)
1350	WPDR	WI	Portage.	10/8 0728. Poor but dominant, with calls, new oldies format. (JJR-WI)
1360	WSAI	OH	Cincinnati.	10/8 0724. Poor, with web address, Fox sports. No WTAQ. (JJR-WI)
1360	KKBJ	MN	Bemidji.	10/12 0752. Poor; no usual WTAQ. Local ads, Bemidji mentions. Not common. (JJR-WI)
1370	KAWL	NE	York.	10/8 0922. Fair with York spots and gal announcer with weather and call ID; music at 0927 "on 'Oldies Radio.'" (JW-CO)
1370	KXTL	MT	Butte.	10/11 2205. Out of CNN News with an announcement of activities available at a local ice arena; weather followed, with a mention of kxtl.com, then "Good Time Oldies." Generally fair, mixing with a couple of others. (JW-CO)
1390	KRRZ	ND	Minot.	10/7 2126-2134. Fair at peaks, mixing with others, through WGRB, which was somewhat tough to keep phased. Surrey Mustangs nine-man HSFB game, verified via maxpreps.com (Surrey is a Minot suburb). New! — and likely the unID oldies station chased here many times. (NK-IL)
1400	KLIN	NE	Lincoln.	10/7 0005. Faded up with call ID. Hasn't been logged for a while here. (WH-CO)
1400	KDTA	CO	Delta.	10/8 0900. Dual ID with KJOL 620; religious programming. Fair. (WH-CO)
1410	KOOQ	NE	North Platte.	10/12 0808. Poor. "1410AM K-Double O-Q" over an oldie station. Long wanted! First new log on 1410 since 11-30-95! NEW! (JJR-WI)

8	1420	WVJS	KY	Owensboro. 10/8 0722. Poor in mess with calls, nostalgia format. Used to be more common. (JJR-WI)
1450	1450	WMIQ	MI	Iron Mountain. 10/10 0359. Poor but in the clear, with legal ID: "This is Talk 1450 WMIQ Iron Mountain, Michigan. It's three o'clock." CNN news followed. NEW! (Ed.-WI)
1530	1530	WCKY	OH	Cincinnati. 10/10 2105. Big surprise! I haven't heard them in many years. ABC News into Air America Network's Randi Rhoades. On top for a good Ω hour. (WH-CO)
1550	1550	KICS	NE	Hastings. 9/30 2143. Fair to good, clearly atop mess at peaks, with Saint Cecilia Hawks vs. Gibbon Buffaloes HSFB. ID as KICS ESPN 1550, and one of very few remaining non-graveyard Nebraskans needed here. Perhaps day power? Again 10/7 at around 2125, with Buffaloes HSFB, but not as good as the previous week. New! (NK-IL)

DDXD-East

REPORTERS

JLB-NY	Jerry Bond, Rochester - Hammarlund HQ-140XA, 3 foot loop.
MKB-ON	Mike Brooker, Toronto - Grundig YB-400PE; Panasonic RF-2200.
BC-NH	Bruce Conti, Nashua - R8B, MWDX-5, 50/75/50-ft Ewe antennas east and south.
DG-PA	Dave Gardiner, Chester - 1999 Dodge Neon stock radio.
RJ-NC	Russ Johnson, Lexington - Palstar R30C, longwires.
IEN-GA	Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville - SONY ICF-2010.
JR-NY	Jim Renfrew, Byron - Drake R8B, 1000' wire, 100' wire, Quantum Phaser.

STATION LOGGINGS

580	WKTY	WI	Lacrosse	- 10/6 2159 - Fair, saying "with Brewers and Bucks games, we're Western Wisconsin's sports leader - WKTY". (JLB-NY)
690	WELD	WV	Fisher	- 10/6 2000 - Fair in CINF null; oldies music including the AWB instrumental hit "Cut the Cake" (a formal change?), full data sign-off, "This concludes another broadcast day for WELD AM, originating from..." leaving R.Proyecto Cuba alone in CINF null. (BC-NH)
730	WDOS	NY	Oneonta	- 10/6 0839 - Very good with ID, news and weather. (JLB-NY)
760	WVNE	MA	Leicester	- 9/27 1824 - Good, "You're tuned into life-changing radio - WVNE." (JLB-NY)
870	WINU	IL	Shelbyville	- 10/1 0622 - obnoxious plea for money from program host, religious music. (JR-NY) + 10/3 2051 - ID after a slow musical selection. (JLB-NY)
910	WRNL	VA	Richmond	- 10/1 2308 - Atlanta Braves baseball, local IDs. (JR-NY)
	WDOR	WI	Sturgeon Bay	- 10/11 0659 - Just as I tuned in the station signed on with "Good morning, this is WDOR, Sturgeon Bay ...", followed by CBS news. New. (JR-NY)
	KCJB	ND	Minot	- 10/11 0722 - "Radio 9-1-0" slogan, temperatures in regional cities. (JR-NY)
940	CJGX	SK	Yorkton	- 10/6 0654 - wiping out CINW with C&W song, "clear and -6 in Yorkton... let's take a look at the lottery numbers on GX-94", into list of winning Lotto 6-49 numbers, promo for childrenswish.ca web site. (MKB-ON)
950	WCLB	WI	Sheboygan	- 10/5 0700 - over WWJ/CFAM mix with top of hour ID: "ESPN Radio 950 WCLB Sheboygan" into ESPN Sports Center, leading off with baseball playoff scores. (MKB-ON)
960	WHAK	MI	Rogers City	- 10/11 0727 - local news items mention Alpena. (JR-NY)
1020	WKZE	CT	Sharon	- 9/27 1821- Caught ID just before they quickly faded out. (JLB-NY)
	KJJK	MN	Fergus Falls	- 10/6 2210 - "Groovy 1020", poor under KDKA, new thanks to Barry's tip. (JR-NY)
1110	WUHN	MA	Pittsfield	- 9/23 1859 - Legal ID - "EZ favorites, WUHN Pittsfield, Massachusetts" (JLB-NY)
	KFAB	NE	Omaha	- 10/2 0004 - Heard with good signal over WBT with ID and "Big Red radio" slogan. (JLB-NY) + 10/9 2206 - Weather forecast for the Omaha area into The Drudge Report. Good signal with slight fades in the null of WBT in Charlotte, NC. The signal would actually cover WBT completely at times. There was some Spanish underneath the signal also. "Newsradio 1110, KFAB". (IEN-GA)

1210	WLDR	MI	Kingsley	- 10/7 0838 - ID during music break. (JR-NY)
1220	WJUN	PA	Mexico	- 9/27 1856 - On top with ID as "ESPN Radio 1220 - WJUN Mexico." (JLB-NY)
1260	WNOO	TN	Chattanooga	- 10/5 1858 - Soul music. Good signal above the static and mix of stations. "Heritage Soul, WNOO". (IEN-GA)
	WPNW	MI	Zeeland	- 10/7 0042 - Strong signal with religious programming and using the slogan "1260- The Pledge." (JLB-NY)
1270	WDLA	NY	Walton	- 9/27 1847 - Heard "Unforgettable 1270 - WDLA" in between tunes "Stand By Your Man" and "Hello Dolly." (JLB-NY)
1370	WRWD	NY	Ellenville	- 10/11 1754 - ex-WELV, fighting WSPD/WXXI mix with slogan "Country favorites WRWD" into C&W song. (MKB-ON)
1420	WCED	PA	DuBois	- 10/5 1749 - Heard with ID, mentions of DuBois and ad for Jefferson County Airport. (JLB-NY)
1470	WBTX	VA	Broadway	- 10/11 1844 - over oldies (presumably WKAP) with C&W-gospel song, sign off announcement: "WBTX Broadway, Timberville, Harrisonburg now concludes another broadcast day...", off with no SSB. (MKB-ON)

1480	WCNS	PA	Latrobe	- 9/16 2110 - Fox Chapel and Latrobe HS football coverage, (JR-NY)
	WGUV	MI	Kentwood	- 10/7 0820 - local ID during NPR news. (JR-NY)
1510	CKOT	ON	Tillsonburg	- 9/28 1807 - In well for several minutes with Canadian Junior Hockey and Canadian Football League news, promo for a local music festival and using slogan "Your home in the country- 1510." (JLB-NY)
1540	WNWR	PA	Philadelphia	- 9/23 1914 - Strong signal with slogan "multi-cultural radio for Philadelphia" and formal sign off with Star Spangled Banner. (JLB-NY)
	WBRY	TN	Woodbury	- 10/6 1940 - "1540 WBRY" ID in between two C&W songs. Good signal over KXEL. (RJ-NC)
	WSIV	NY	E. Syracuse	- 10/10 1844 - Popped up from the jumble with "Inspiration 1540, WSIV". Heard after local WNWR signed off for the night. (DG-PA)
1560	WMRO	TN	Gallatin	- 10/6 1949 - "Celebrating the greatest hits of Motown, WMRO." (RJ-NC) + 10/6 2332 - Oldies. Weak with slight fades, but above the mix of stations and static. "Magic 1560, WMRO". (IEN-GA)
1590	KCNN	MN	East Grand Forks	- 10/6 2035 - "Rush Limbaugh is on KCNN." (RJ-NC)
1630	KKGM	TX	Ft. Worth	- 10/6 2012 - "You're listening to the Coach's Corner on KKGM." (RJ-NC)

PRESUMED/UNID

840	KXNTp	NV	Las Vegas	- 9/27 2325 - presumed, weak under WHAS, CBS at top of hour, but no ID audible. (JR-NY)
1030	WUFLp	MI	Sterling Heights	- 10/7 0840 - Presumed with "Family Life Radio" non-IDs, under WBZ. (JR-NY)
1100	UNID	—	—	- 10/6 2300 - In WTAM null with "worldwide web" announcement for World Harvest Radio giving whr.org address. Report sent to World Harvest Radio via website reception report form. (BC-NH)
1480	WABBp	AL	Mobile	- 10/8 2100 - Southern Miss Golden Eagles football game v. Tulsa. Alabama oriented PSA during break. WABB listed as only 1480 Southern Miss affiliate on website. (RJ-NC)
1580	WVKOp	OH	Columbus	- 10/8 2135 - Wrap up show for Bowling Green Falcons football. WVKO listed as only 1580 network station on Bowling Green website. (RJ-NC)

NON-ARCANE ABBREVIATIONS USED IN DDXD

/ :parallel to :00:on the hour AC:Adult contemporary AP:Associated Press BBD:big band C&W:country & western CCR:contemporary Christian radio CHR:contemporary hit radio CID:code ID CL:call letter EZL:easy listening EE:English FF:French GOS:gospel LSR:local sunrise LSS:local sunset NFL:National Football League NBA:National Basketball Association NHL:National Hockey League NPR:National Public Radio OC:open carrier PSRA:pre-sunrise authority PSSA:post-sunset authority QRM:man-made interference (power lines, etc) QRN:natural interference (lightning, etc) QTH:location PRI:Public Radio International REL:religious ROK:rock 'n' roll RS:regular schedule \$:stereo SID:singing ID SRS:sunrise skip SS:Spanish SSB:Star Spangled Banner SSS:sunset skip TC:time check TT:test tones UC:urban contemporary UPI:United Press International VID:voice ID

International DX Digest

Foreign DX Catches. Times are UTC; for ELT, subtract 5 hrs.

I'm off on a final midcoast Maine DXpedition before the campground closes for the winter, so this edition went to the publisher early. If your logs are missing, sorry about that. I'll catch up next week, sooner on e-DXN. In the meantime, here's what I received before taking on a cold relentless rain to run Beverage wires through the Maine woods. If anyone asks, I'm not crazy, just insane.

Transatlantic DX

162 **FRANCE** *France-Inter*, Allouis (47°10'N 02°12'E) OCT 7 0334 - Standard log; man and woman with talk in French. At 0342 a French version of "Never on Sunday." Poor with some copiable peaks. [Frogde-MI]

207 **MOROCCO** *RTM Azilal* (31°54'N 06°33'W) OCT 7 0325-0358 - Presumed; man talking, too exuberant for normal Iceland fare and sounds like Spanish! At 0355 went into Arabic chant. Poor. [Frogde-MI]

1017 **TURKEY** *TRT Radyo 1*, Mundanya (40°21'N 28°41'E) OCT 8 0205 - Presumed; loud and clear with Koranic recitations. Still loud at 0240 with Middle Eastern string vocal. Not parallel any of the *TRT* streaming audio feeds at www.trt.net.tr and potential LW parallel frequencies were buried in local noise. [Conti-NH]

1107 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros OCT 8 0045 - Good; in-studio discussion, background classical folk guitar and piano instrumentals, top of the hour time pips, "Son las tres" UTC+2 time check into "Radio Nacional de España, Informativos." Got all excited believing the music was under *RNE* and possibly from *RTS* Serbia & Montenegro, alas the music was parallel other *RNE* frequencies. [Conti-NH]

Jim speaks: Nothing very remarkable as I check almost every evening for TA signals. A lot of the New England crowd, and Ben of course, are doing quite well on these, but mostly hets here in Western New York. Regulars are 162 France, 183 Germany, 252 Ireland, and 1134 Croatia. I spotted 189 Iceland and 198 UK a few times. One interesting item is that Croatia seems to have news in English at 0200 each night. If I could count hets as stations heard I'd be doing great! I'd like to get 1548 Sawa, 1575 Farda, 783 Mauritania, but nothing so far!

Pan-American DX

540 **MEXICO** XEHS Los Mochis OCT 10 0258 - Ending non descript Spanish music under XETX and CBK. Quick "XEHS Los Mochis" by female caught on tape. 1st time here for this one. [Heinen-CO]

540 **MEXICO** XETX Nuevas Casas Grandes OCT 10 0300 - Ending religious programming in German full date call sign ID. Mixed with CBK. [Heinen-CO]

1300 **MEXICO** XEP Ciudad Juárez (31°43'N 106°27'W) OCT 12 0002 - Complete call sign ID to English oldies music. Looks like they'll be dominant again this season. [Heinen-CO]

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Jim Renfrew, Byron NY (43°05'N 78°04'W); Drake R8B, Quantum Phaser, 1000-ft and 100-ft wires.

International News

SPAIN: The future of RNE5 *Todo Noticias* looks uncertain. A minimum partial closure of RNE5 local stations is expected, the result of "adjustment of the central and territorial organizational structure" as part of the overall 2006 economic plan. [M. Molano, MWC E-Mail News via Steve Whitt and Jim Renfrew]

Formats

Changes in programming status; reported by listeners

Freq	Call	Location	New Format	Freq	Call	Location	New Format
540	WKFN	Clarksville, TN	SPT	1310	WADB	Asbury Park, NJ	C&W
580	CKPR	Thunder Bay, ONAC/C&W/NWS/TLK		1310	WDOD	Chattanooga, TN	TLK
630	KXLI	Opportunity, WA	REL	1310	WICH	Norwich, CT	NOS:TLK
680	CFTR	Toronto, ON	NWS	1310	WNAE	Warren, PA	OLD
690	WELD	Fisher, WV	OLD	1320	WATR	Waterbury, CT	TLK/OLD
700	KXLX	Airway Heights, WA	SPT	1330	KVOL	Lafayette, LA	SPT
730	WLTO	Charleston, SC	NOS	1340	WALR	Atlanta, GA	SS:SPT
740	WNYH	Huntington, NY	REL	1340	WHAT	Philadelphia, PA	UC:TLK
770	WEW	Saint Louis, MOETH/VAR/NOS		1340	WIRY	Plattsburgh, NY	AC/C&W
780	WIIN	Ridgeland, MS	SS	1350	WPDR	Portage, WI	OLD
820	WMGG	Largo, FL	SS:OLD	1350	WINY	Putnam, CT	AOR
860	KWRF	Warren, AR	NOS	1360	KAHS	El Dorado, KS	NOS
870	KHNR	Honolulu, HI	NWS/TLK	1370	WJQI	Fort Campbell, KY	REL:AC
880	WCQV	Moneta, VA	GOS	1370	KUPA	Pearl City, HI:Hawaiian	AC/OLD
880	WNSG	Nashville, TN	UC:REL/GOS	1370	WSHV	South Hill, VA	NOS
890	KDJQ	Meridian, ID	SS:MEX	1390	WLUA	Belton, SC	REL:AC
910	WWWR	Roanoke, VA	GOS	1390	WVAQ	Burlington, VT	TLK
910	KINA	Salina, KS	TLK	1390	KJOX	Yakima, WA	SPT
910	WSPA	Spartanburg, SC	SS	1400	KCLA	Pine Bluff, AR	UC:OLD
920	KVEL	Vernal, UT	TLK/SPT	1400	KVSF	Santa Fe, NM	SPT
930	WDLX	Washington, NCNWS/TLK/SPtan		1400	WILI	Willimantic, CT	TLK
940	CINW	Montréal, QC	NWS/TLK	1420	KJDL	Lubbock, TX	NWS/TLK
950	WPEN	Philadelphia, PA	SPT	1420	WASR	Wolfeboro, NH	AC
960	WRNS	Kinston, NC	C&W	1430	WQOQ	Durand, WI	C&W
960	WGRO	Lake City, FL	GOS	1430	KTBZ	Tulsa, OK	SPT
970	WBLF	Bellefonte, PA	TLK	1450	WCRS	Greenwood, SC	TLK
970	WZQK	Brandon, MS	C&W	1450	KNET	Palestine, TX	SPT
970	WHA	Madison, WINWS/TLK/VAR		1450	KNOT	Prescott, AZ	C&W
980	WAKK	McComb, MS	GOS	1450	KHIT	Reno, NV	SS:SPT
980	WUUS	Rossville, GA	OLD	1450	KSIW	Woodward, OK	SPT
980	WAHAW	Weston, WV	OLD	1460	WBUC	Buckhannon, WV	OLD
990	WNRV	Narrows-Pearlsburg, VA	GOS	1460	WKDV	Manassas, VA	ETH
990	WXCT	Southington, CT	NWS/TLK	1460	WLRP	San Sebastián, PR	SS
990	TKTK	Tucson, AZ	SS:SPT	1470	KWSL	Sioux City, IA	SS:OLD
1010	WIOJ	Jacksonville Beach, FL	TLK	1470	KGND	Vinita, OK	OLD
1040	WQBB	Powell, TN	NOS	1480	WZFB	Fair Bluff, NC	GOS
1050	WAMN	Green Valley, WV	SPT	1490	KWAC	Bakersfield, CA	SS:SPT
1070	KVKK	Verndale, MN	C&W	1490	WWPR	Bradenton, FL	TLK
1080	WALD	Walterboro, SC	UC:GOS	1490	KOTN	Pine Bluff, AR	C&W
1100	KQNM	Milan, NM	C&W	1500	WPMB	Vandalia, IL	AC/EZL
1110	KYKK	Humble City, NM	TLK/SPT	1520	KSQB	Sioux Falls, SD	SPT
1140	WAPF	McComb, MS	SPT	1540	KBOA	Kennett, MO	NOS
1160	WMLB	East Point, GA	NOS/VAR	1550	KAPE	Cape Girardeau, MO	TLK
1160	WBYN	Lehighton, PA	REL	1550	WTTC	Towanda, PA	SPT
1160	KHPP	Waukon, IA	OLD	1560	WMBH	Joplin, MO	SPT
1170	KUGT	Jackson, MO	NOS	1570	KVLG	La Grange, TX	C&W
1190	KNUV	Tolleson, AZ	SS:NWS/TLK	1570	WANR	Warren, OH	OLD/NOS
1210	KHAT	Laramie, WY	SPT	1590	WAIK	Galesburg, IL	AC
1210	WQLS	Ozark, AL	UC:GOS	1590	WFBR	Glen Burnie, MD	UC:GOS
1230	WTKN	Corinth, MS	TLK	1600	WHJB	Bedford, PA	NOS
1230	KWAS	Joplin, MO	SPT	1600	KGST	Fresno, CA	SS:SPT
1230	KPSA	Roswell, NM	OLD	1600	WMCR	Oneida, NY	EZL
1230	WAMM	Woodstock, VA	SS	1610	CJWI	Montreal, QCFF/Creole/ETH/AC	
1240	WNVL	Nashville, TN	SS:CHR			Contributors	
1250	WGHB	Farmville, NC	NWS/TLK/SPtan		AM Switch	Various Internet Sources	
1270	WILE	Cambridge, OH	SPT		Walk Breville	Mike Hardester	
1270	KTII	Twin Falls, ID	C&W		Bill Dvorak	Wayne Heinen	
1300	WMTN	Morristown, TN	NWS/TLK		DX Midamerica	Steve Kennedy	Bill Nittler
1300	WIMO	Winder, GA	TLK		DX News	M Street Journal	Steve Whitt

Confirmed DX'er

Your successes in obtaining QSL's and other station items

As you can see below, Wayne Heinen kept busy this past summer with some follow-up reports and they yielded some big dividends for him. And Greg Myers managed to snag a nice e-mail verie from the Dominican Republic.

I'd like to renew my plea for some "how to" tips for this column. For example, who is best person to receive your report? Is it the station manager, chief engineer, program director, or ??? Do you write your report as a "DX'er" or as an ordinary person who happened to receive the station? Your experiences along such lines would help others extract veries from stations they hear, and I'd welcome them for this column!

570	KVI	Seattle, WA. PPC returned in 12 days for second f/up. Signer Kelly D. Alford, DoE. (Heinen-CO)
600	KSJB	Jamestown, ND. Reception confirmation written on color coverage map. Received in 197 days after report and our follow-up. I previously QSled KSJB in 1981. V/s: Stone Malone, OM. Add: 2400 Eighth Avenue Southwest, Jamestown 58402-5180. (Griffith-CO)
670	WSCR	Chicago, IL. PPC returned in 12 days for a second f/up. Signer unreadable. (Heinen-CO)
910	WAKO	Lawrenceville, IL. 50 watts; PPC signed by S. Kent Lankford, business card and 45th anniversary sticker. Six days for typed reception report and SASE. (Harris-IL)
990	KMSR	Farmersville, TX. PPC returned in 10 days for a f/up. Signer unreadable. (Heinen-CO)
1090	KVOP	Plainview, TX. V/r returned in nine days for a f/up. Signer Sam Stopheus, GM. (Heinen-CO)
1210	KUNF	Washington, UT. PPC returned in nine days for second f/up. Signer unreadable. (Heinen-CO)
1210	WLDR	Kingsley, MI. PPC in 12 days for SASE. V/s Jack Leishman, K8XX. (Harris-IL)
1290	WKLJ	Sparta, WI. Full data V/l returned in 19 days for f/up. Signer Robert Goff, Office & Traffic Manager. (Heinen-CO)
1350	WZNN	Asheville, NC. PPC returned signed by B. O'Brien (Ops Manager) for SASE in 16 days. (Harris-IL)
1380	KPTK	Lawton, OK. PPC returned in 26 days for second f/up, Signer Trevor Myers. Now KXCA. (Heinen-CO)
1480	KHCK	Dallas, TX. PPC returned in 10 days for second f/up. Signer David Darling. (Heinen-CO)
1490	KRUI	Ruidoso Downs, NM. E-mail verie in eight days for a f/up. Signer Steve Stigall, Production Director. (Heinen-CO)
1510	WLAC	Nashville, TN. PPC in seven days and commercially printed red and black on yellow slip of paper with no data. Statement "verifies your reception of WLAC." PPC signer signature appears to read "Jeff Baeters" with printed "Engineer" next to signature. (Harris-IL)
1550	KLFJ	Springfield, MO. Partial data V/l for a tentative report returned in six days. Signer Linda Morgan. (Heinen-CO)
1550	KYAL	Sapulpa, OK. Verified on my report in five days. Signer Mike Stephens, Mgr. (Heinen-CO)
1560	KOCY	Del City, OK. PPC returned in nine days for second f/up. Signer unreadable. (Heinen-CO)
1640	Radio Juventus Don Bosco	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. P/d letter (in English) sent as an e-mail attachment in five days after an e-mail follow-up to radiojuventusdonbosco@yahoo.com. V/s Padre Luis Rosario, Director. (Myers-FL)

My thanks to this edition's contributors; I'd like to see your name here next time!

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Network listings for team sports stations

Here is National Hockey League (NHL) flagship information from the Internet as of late August via Ken Onyszhuk. I also found flagship and announcer information on 10/12/2005 at <http://webhockey.50megs.com/nhl.htm>. I have listed the size of the radio network in parentheses. I will place any network lists that I have received in a future column. I need the National Basketball Association (NBA) flagship list and station lists; I have none so far.

National Hockey League 2005/2006

Anaheim Mighty Ducks	1090	XEPRS-BC	Steve Carroll, Brent Severyn
Atlanta Thrashers	680	WCNN-GA	Dan Kamal, Billy Jaffe
Boston Bruins	1030	WBZ-MA	Dave Goucher, Bob Beers (13)
Buffalo Sabres	550	WGR-NY	Rick Jeanneret, Jim Lorentz
Calgary Flames	960	CFAC-AB	Pete Maher, Mike Rogers (0)
Carolina Hurricanes	102.9	WMNY-NC a	Chuck Kaiton, John Forslund a
Chicago Blackhawks	670	WSCR-IL	Pat Foley, Troy Murray
Colorado Avalanche	950	KKFN-CO	Mike Haynes, Norm Jones (23)
	710	KNUS-CO c	
Columbus (OH) Bluejackets	1460	WBNS-OH	George Matthus, Bill Davidge (26)
	101.1	WWCD-OH	
Dallas Stars	820	WBAP-TX	Ralph Stangis, Daryl Reaugh
Detroit Red Wings	1270	WXYY-MI	Ken Kal, Paul Woods (25)
Edmonton Oilers	630	CHED-AB	Rod Phillips, Morley Scott
Florida Panthers	560	WQAM-FL	Randy Moller, Steve Goldstein
	790	WAXY-FL c	
Los Angeles Kings	710	KSPN-CA	Nick Nickson, Daryl Evans (11)
	1110	KDIS-CA c	
Minnesota Wild	830	WCCO-MN	Bob Kurtz, Tom Reid (24)
	950	KSNB-MN cK	
Montreal Canadiens	107.5	KBGY-MN cW	
	800	CJAD-PQ (EE)	Dino Sisto, Murray Wilson
	730	CKAC-PQ (FF)	Martin McGuire, Dany Dube
Nashville Predators	104.5	WGFX-TN	Pete Weber, Terry Crisp
	560	WNSR-TN c	
New Jersey Devils	660	WFAN-NY	John Hennessey, Randy Velischek
New York Islanders	1130	WBRR-NY	John Wiedeman, Chris King
	1770	WABC-NY c	
New York Rangers	1050	WEPN-NY	Ken Albert or Spencer Ross or Bob Wischusen and TBA (6 broadcasters listed on web)
	1130	WBBR-NY c	
Ottawa Senators	1200	CFGQ-ON (EE)	Gord Wilson, Dean Brown or Dan Schreiber
Ottawa Senators	1200	CJRC-ON (FF)	Alain Crete, Benoit Brunet
Philadelphia Flyers	610	WIP-PA	Tim Saunders, Brian Proppe
	1210	WPHT-PA c	
Phoenix Coyotes	1060	KDUS-AZ	Bob Heethuis, Louie DeBrusk (9)
	93.3	KDKB-AZ	
Pittsburgh Penguins	970	WBGG-PA	Paul Steigerwald, Phil Bourque (3)
	102.5	WDVE-PA K	
	94.5	WWSW-PA W	
Saint Louis Blues	550	KTRS-MO	Chris Kerber, Kelly Chase (11)
	88.7	WSIU-IL	
San Jose Sharks	98.5	KUFX-CA	Dan Rusanowsky, Jamie Baker or David Maley (9)
Tampa Bay Lightning	620	WDAE-FL	Dave Mishken, Phil Esposito
Toronto Maple Leafs	640	CFMJ-ON	Dennis Bayak, Joe Bowman, Jim Ralph
Vancouver Canucks	680	CKNW-BC	John Shorthouse, Tom Larscheid
Washington Capitals	980	WTEN-DC	Steve Kolbe, Ken Sabourin
	570	WTNT-DC c	
	1430	WNAV-MD b	

a = John Forslund will announce on radio when there is no TV coverage.

b = Most Capitals' games will be simulcast on 1430 WNAV-MD.

c = conflict station.

K = information from Ken Onyschuk conflicts with the webhockey site

W = information from the webhockey site conflicts with Ken Onyschuk

From the BoD

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Annual NRC Conventions

A Questionnaire and Poll

Each year, the National Radio Club has hosted a formal get-together called the "Annual Convention". For the past two decades and more, these events have been held for several days over the Labor Day weekend. Depending upon the location, we have had between 30 and 70 members attend.

As you know, we're all set for 2006, so we have time now to look ahead for 2007 and beyond. We want to explore all aspects of this tradition, and get all NRC Members involved. I will take on the responsibility for keeping everyone informed — a summary of all answers will be published here and in our other club publications.

There are two ways for you to respond: (1) Send me a letter (address at bottom), or (2) send me an e-mail with the words "NRC Poll" on the Subject line. Do NOT use your telephone to respond, please — these issues deserve more attention than you can convey to us in a short phone call.

Please answer each question as to what would bring YOU to a convention.

Let's get started:

A. Should we have just one convention each year or should we change to supporting regional meetings?

Discussion: Maybe, if Members want to host an event near their home, we could have get-togethers in different parts of the country; New England, Mid-west, Far-West, South É instead of one large gathering.

B. Where should an annual (or regional) meetings be held?

Discussion: Members have suggested sites such as Atlanta, Boise, Charlotte, Flint and Halifax, Nova Scotia in recent months. Regardless of whether the meeting would be one of several regional meetings or just one Annual Meeting as we now have, we would look for a city easily accessed by plane or bus, and a meeting place we can all afford.

C. When during the year should our meeting(s) be held?

Discussion: We are well calibrated on the appeal of the Labor Day weekend, and we know some of our members just can't get away during that weekend. Can we find a better weekend? And remember that the year runs a full 12 months.

D. Would a two-day convention be satisfactory? Or should we meet for only one day?

Discussion: In order to keep costs in line, we could arrange for a hotel meeting room for just two days and Members would only have hotel costs for one or two nights.

E. What kind of programs should we plan?

Discussion: Most attendees seem to enjoy chatting with other dxers as much as anything during the event. Some of the members offer fascinating stories of their life in broadcasting, and there are often local radio stations to visit. For the spouses, there are non-radio tours arranged.

The real question is, **what would draw YOU to a convention?** Please respond, and ask more questions if you want. But let's open up with your thoughts on these five matters first by writing to:

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South African DXpedition: Seefontein-2 Western Cape Province, South Africa July 25-28, 2005

Narrative by Vince Stevens

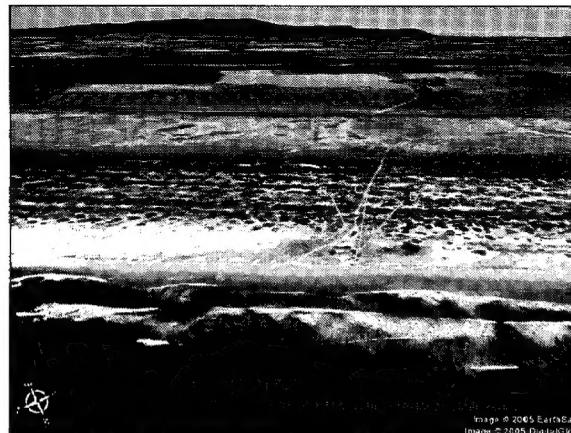
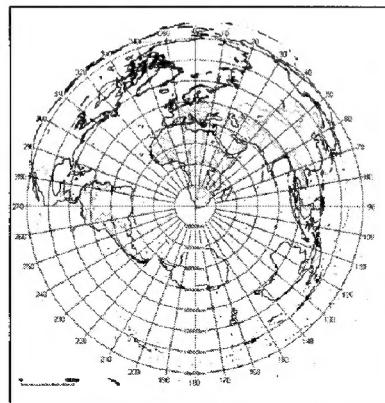
Participating: John Plimmer, Vince Stevens, Gary Deacon

John Plimmer recently discovered the site Seefontein, 180km north of Cape Town on the West Coast of South Africa. He immediately noted its favourable location, right on the coast, and relatively isolated, which seemed to make it an ideal DXpedition spot. Having already made one trip up there to do some listening, John suggested Seefontein for our 2005 DXpedition. Last year we did the South Coast so for some variation it was decided to try the West Coast as it's more suited for North American and Caribbean MW reception.

Seefontein is a private farm, with its own stretch of pristine beach, and loads of space to string up beverage antennas. There is no electricity, and no other houses nearby, so we hoped for minimal interference from electrical appliances, and people alike.

Those in attendance this year were the same as Jongensgat last year, namely John Plimmer, Gary Deacon and myself, Vince Stevens. Until we find some more budding DXers in SA we are likely to be the only ones doing this down in the Western Cape for now. My wife and John's wife, Dawn declined the role of camp cooks and washers, but Gary's wife Sandy came with their 5-year-old daughter. Over to John Plimmer: Quote: *"The trip got off to a bad start for me as despite my hectic efforts to get the ThinkPad laptop working off a car battery, the 12 volt to 220 volt inverter loaned to me by a Robertson ham blew up on Sunday, too late for me to do anything about it, so the laptop could not be made to work off the normal car batteries. The hired deep cycle battery I got on Friday, despite assurances, turned out to be under charged, so it had to go on charge for nine hours before it became fully charged up."*

The Toyota Condor was packed up to the hilt on Monday morning with tables, gas lamps and heaters and all kinds of gear, clothing and food and kitchen utensils. I eventually got away at 8.30 a.m. and first stop was Robertson to drop off the PC where I had arranged for the dealer to upgrade it from my Win98 operating system to the newer WinXP and also add some RAM and a DVD read/write player. That done, the route proceeded to Worcester, Wolseley, Gouda, Porterville, Piketberg and Veldrif and then on past Dwarskersbos to the Seefontein cottage. The 290km/180m trip took



- A: Northern short wire on beach, 80m long.
- B: Asian and Central American Beverage of 250m
- C: John P's North American and Asian beverage of 350 m
- D: Aussie and North American beverage of 300m

four hours with a stop for coffee at Piketberg. The coffee reminded me of the bitter W.W.II chicory ersatz stuff they used to dish up - it was awful.

I arrived at the farmhouse at 12.30 p.m. and got the keys for the cottage which is two kilometers away on the beach and proceeded there, having found that I had got there before Vince. I unpacked the mountain of gear - the cottage is self catering (without mains power) and you have to take along a lot of your own gear and Vince then

pitched up in his Land-Rover, also with a mountain of stuff. I got out a beer and had the sarmies that dear Dawn had prepared and contemplated how I was going to erect my radio apparatus.

After lunch I erected the Kiwa in its position about six foot off the deck and looking through one of the wooden windows and through a gap in the dune that separates the cottage from the beach. Then the small Datong active for the Tropical Bands was erected outside on a pole supporting a water tank and I was now ready to run out the 1000ft/300m beverage wire."

Unquote Back to Vince: As usual I strung up some beverage antennas as soon as I arrived on the Monday. One 300m-antenna pointing at Australia, a bearing of 126 deg, then a second of 250m, at 96 deg, aimed at SE Asia. These ran behind the house into the 'sandveld' (Afrikaans for the typical West Coast ecology of the area - sandy soil plus hardy low scrubby bushes - 'fynbos'). So for our intended DX areas of North America and the Caribbean we would be listening 'over the shoulder'.

The beverages were intentionally unterminated so they would be effective in both directions. According to John I am very meticulous about this and to his amazement even bring a whole bundle of bamboo sticks to keep the antenna's dead straight and five foot above ground!

The last antenna I rigged up was something of an experiment. It ran from the front of the house on a bearing of magnetic north more or less (which is about 336 deg in the Southern Cape) towards the sea, and actually stopped just short of the high water tidal mark - or so I thought! This antenna was probably only about 100m long. At least that's what it started out as, until Mother Nature and King Neptune formed an anti-DXer alliance resulting in my aerial being swept down the coast, with 4 or 5 cane poles missing in action. Turns out the tide was low when I set up the antenna, and of course it came in later on and swept all my hard work away. To make matters worse, the extra 100m that I couldn't string out was still on the plastic reel so the nasty water promptly unravelled the lot and turned it into a bizarre new form of aquatic creature. The ball of wire resembled a crazy kind of afro-wig, containing shells and bits of seaweed for decoration. Fortunately I managed to rescue all the bits and pieces, including the poles, which were washed ashore. The wire was cut at about the 80m-point and moved much higher up the beach, I'd guess at a bearing of true north. (The afro-wig-plankton-catcher-copper-wire-and-seaweed monstrosity was hauled ashore, and fortunately it survived its dunking without too many ill effects and has since been rewound on a new reel - I use 0.8mm enamelled copper wire, which is amazingly strong and has been on loads of trips and is still in pristine condition).

While I sheepishly made my way back to the house, John had finished his set-up and was ready for some DXing. He had discovered that the track leading to the cottage was straight and the bearing was pointed at central U.S., so he ran a 350m wire along the track. This was much easier than traipsing through the bush. As he walked back from the end, he hung it on the bushes next to the road to keep it on average about four feet off the ground.

Back to John, Quote: "Ready to fire up now and I switch on with anticipation of problems, as I nearly always discover I have some fault that prevents proper operation. This time everything fires up beautifully first time and all three antenna systems are working fine - hallelujah!! Gary and family have not arrived yet, so I discuss with Vince who is going to take what rooms. There are two main rooms in the house and one tiny outside room with a bed and nothing else. I want that, to be away from the crowd, but Vince makes a strong play for it. Only later did I realise that I had given up on that room too easily and that Vince cannily knew all about keeping away from the



rest of us. The drill was that we DXed all night and tried to catch up on shuteye during the day. In practice Vince and Gary dosed down immediately after the DX session ended at about 8.30 a.m. I can't sleep in the mornings, so opted to sleep, as is my norm, in the afternoon, but then everyone was wide awake and tramping around on the wooden floor and talking at the top of their voices, so I couldn't sleep a wink in the afternoon and became very weary as the three day session wore on". Unquote.

The grayline effect was very pronounced here at Seefontein and signals from the Far East started coming in already an hour before sunset. This boded well for the DXpedition. Gary and family arrived only at 6.30 p.m. just before darkness had set in. We DXed the night away with a short nap in the wee hours and continued until well after sunrise when the signals finally faded.

During the day we all had baths. But the single small gas geyser couldn't cope, so a very large kettle was placed on the gas cooker to heat up supplementary water to make the bathing a reasonable experience. The water is brown and brackish, pumped out of a well adjacent to the cottage. The farmer also provides a 25 litre container of fresh drinking water. Eventually I discovered that the second bathroom is much closer to the geyser and the water is much hotter, so I probably overdid the filling of the bath, so much so that the water ran out on the Wednesday!

The next day John went into Velddrif 20 km away to buy lunch and get a newspaper, some paraffin for the lamps, and extra candles. Gary and I started getting a barbecue ('braai') fire ready. John couldn't join us, as he is a diabetic and should not eat later than 1PM. The braai is finished at 3 An hour later, Gary fires up his FRG-7 and declares various Far East signals booming in. This is quite amazing as sunset is still two hours away and the sun is still high in the sky. We all have a good session of Far East reception.

I eventually go to bed at 11PM and Gary sits on 1548, hoping to hear St.Helena for the first time in many a year. Soon he does get some audio from them and listens to adverts for a competition they are running. We last heard this old favourite in the '80's. Throughout the DXpedition we were also trying for Ascension on 1602 but that frequency is quite messy with lots of burbling but nothing definite. Eventually I get an ID from R.Vitoria in Spain, but at no point did we even get a whiff of Ascension.

John's version of the evening's events: Quote: "By 9PM I am exhausted and can't go on for another minute on the radio, so head for the sack. This time I realise I desperately need my sleep more than I need to DX the radio, so I do not set the alarm and go into a deep and satisfying sleep. I awake naturally at 5AM feeling alive and refreshed. Soon in short order I catch Nashville Tennessee, Orlando Florida and Fort Worth Texas on MW. It's always a thrill to get far distant stations, knowing that years of experience and good technical arrangements like your antenna's and radio are pulling in things to be heard that the normal mortal could not think of achieving. A string of stations follow with exotic far distant names - Bonaire, Anguilla, Buffalo NY, St.Kits in the Caribbean, Pearl Harbour Hawaii where the Armed forces Network is booming in on the higher frequencies. Great fun!" Unquote.

At sunrise Wednesday, John notices his Kiwa Loop has stopped functioning, even though the power light is on. He finds that the deep cycle battery has run down to only 10V, so guesses this to be the cause of the problem. He takes the battery over to the farm owners, 2km away, for a charge-up. They are not outside the farm and the gate is locked and their vicious dogs are barking. He eventually gives a toot on his car hooter and the farmer's wife comes out. She proceeds to give him a lecture about how she does not like hooting, as she hears her dogs barking, and will come out regardless!!

The evening session on the radio is fruitful and we are soon listening to the Maldives, then China and some endearing Indian music from a station in Mauritius. It is quite interesting to note that Australia is far less easy to DX from the West Coast, yet the Far East seems to propagate well, even though the signals from both areas have to travel over the Southern African land mass. Only 2 or 3 Aussie stations were noted. Of course another factor could be that these stations are generally quite low powered compared to some of the Asian powerhouses.

The West coast is distinctly different from the South East coast of SA due to the shape of the land and the consequent water/land paths that signals have to take to reach us. On the West coast Brazil makes a very early appearance at around 19h30 UTC (9:30 PM local time) and Europe also fades in much earlier due to their sunset transmitter enhancement at around the same time. Capital Gold from London on 1548 was heard before 10PM; the earliest I've ever noted them.

COASTAL EFFECT EXPERIMENT

That evening we also do an experiment to try and determine the effects of coastal enhancement – the improvement of MW signals close to the sea. We head down to the beach with John's portable Drake SW8 kitted out with an amplified and tunable ferrite rod antenna. Take some measurements, then drive 1km inland, take some more readings and finally finish 2km inland for a final set of measurements. The area was very flat and the soil sandy and somewhat dry. S-meter readings were taken and the audibility generally conformed to the S-meter.

*=No reading taken Draw your own conclusions...!???

Here's John's views of events:

Quote: "We could have invested more time and effort into the experiment, but we were tired, the winter's night was cold and blustery and the dirt track was isolated, dark and unfriendly. Believe me, 1557 France Nice and 1575 R. Farda UAE are both very weak far-away stations that I would rank as faint DX (those stations are 8,500 km/s/5,500 miles away - that's DX!). We couldn't go further inland as the major iron ore rail line and its attendant high voltage power system are there about a mile further on. But we did take the readings carefully and measured out the distances on the car's odometer, so I am satisfied that the results are generally accurate. The S-meter on the Drake SW8, which is actually an electronic bar graph, was checked back home carefully against the analogue S-meter of the Icom and was found to be generally accurate. The readings were taken in AM mode at a 6 KHz filter setting. The S-meter readings are slightly elevated by the amplification circuit of the portable ferrite rod antenna, but I am sure that the overall conclusion we came to by listening to audibility as well, was that there is hardly any difference between the reception on the beach and the reception 2 km/s/1.25 miles inland"

Unquote This is something I'd like to try again, perhaps with the car radio tuned to a weak station. I'm sure the coastal effect will be noticeable on certain stations, at specific locations. It's no coincidence that our best DX has been on the coast. Watch this space...

The last morning is a slight anti-climax as far as conditions go: signals are present, but nothing extraordinary pops up. Even the X-band seems a little subdued. With the water having run out, John goes off to the farmer again. Begrudgingly he finally comes thru later but moans at John about us using so much water. He feels the tankful he left us with should have lasted several days. He explains that this is a dry arid area and is experiencing a drought and that the well has nearly run dry and does not produce much water. We're all naturally unimpressed with this. If they want the cottage to be commercially viable, then visitors should have their basic needs catered for.

Then comes the worst bit, packing and taking down antennas!! John leaves around 10:30 as he has a 4-hour trip home. The rest of us clean up. It takes me an hour to sweep all the sand out of the house. I like to leave holiday accommodation cleaner and neater than I found it. Of course when I return the keys to the farmer she moans at me for having left later than I said I would!! You can't win with some people!! (It's only 12:30 PM). I charm a smile out of her and head on my way. Best to stay on good terms with these people if we want to go back again, which we most definitely do.

I finally arrive home 2 hours later. Looking back on the DXpedition I am fairly satisfied but not overwhelmed. I think this goes for all of us. The radio side was good but not record breaking. We have heard most of the stations received before at some time or other. There were one or 2 surprises and some old favourites, but not as many as I'd have hoped. But I will look forward to going back soon though. John and Dawn are going on their own in September over the equinox - who knows what he will catch then?

OVERVIEW OF THE DXPEDITION

courtesy of the third member of our crew: Gary Deacon

The second part of the annual DXpedition/family holiday began with our arrival at dusk with Vince and John already behind their receivers. After a welcome chat and a brief discussion about Vince's

new "King Neptune seaweed antenna", I set up the old FRC7 and connected up to the more reliable beverage antenna which Vince had kindly set up. The various regions/countries appeared in the following order:

The Far East: Family Radio, Taiwan on 1503 was usually the first Far East station to fade in at around 4:40 pm local time - at least an hour and a half before sunset! It's always quite surprising to hear how well some of the Far East stations propagate under favourable conditions during our local evening greyline period. China (1134, 1188, 1323 and 1593), Taiwan (1503), Vietnam (1242) and Philippines (1530) were really strong at times!

Africa: Some relatively low power (1kw) Angolan stations were heard with surprising strength. Maldives on 1449 produced an English discussion - enough for a report so will try for a QSL. Also managed to receive Libya on 1251 with English news.

Australia: The only Australian stations heard on this occasion were 6WF (720), 6GN (828) and 4QD (1548). My guess is that the prevailing ionospheric conditions simply did not favour good reception from this part of the world.

Brazil: Seefontein does favour South America, especially Brazil - Many stations from this part of the globe are received regularly here in the Cape Province - so much so that one tends to ignore them in favour of the Caribbean and the USA! The strength of some of the Brazilians was truly awesome - I set about recording a few strong id's and managed to log a 250 watt Brazilian in the process! (Radio Jornal, Leopoldina on 1560).

St. Helena: Another highlight for me was the reception of St. Helena on 1548 - To the best of my knowledge, the 100 watt station was last received by yours truly and a few SA DXers, including Vince and John, during the excellent reception conditions of the middle/late '80's. The local announcements brought back some great DX memories! Thanks to the directional beverage, the low power signal managed to appear with, and over Capitol Gold (UK), both on top of a subdued local 10KW Radio Island which normally dominates on this frequency.

Netherlands: Another surprise was tuning in for the first time to the recently launched 20KW Radio London International, from the Netherlands. The rock music format and cool retro ID jingles provided a refreshing change from most of the music aired today - It was great to hear 70's rock classics from groups such as Santana and Deep Purple!

The Caribbean: WDHP American Virgin Islands on 1620 and ZNS1 Bahamas on 1540 were really strong, especially during the dawn/greyline period. Although both stations are regularly heard here, it was a pleasure just to sit back and listen to the local programme content for a while - some interesting advertisements, discussions and good music! I noted the country music title "There Goes Happiness And In Comes Loneliness" - This reminded me of the joke: What happens when you play a country song backwards? You get your happiness back, you get your wife back, you get your money back, you get your house back, etc.!

The USA: The opening to the USA was not as good as experienced in the '70's and '80's although there were some stations received here for the first time. As usual, most of the activity was confined to the X-Band. I restricted most of my dawn/greyline DXing to this region and was fortunate to receive quite a few id's during the peaks - the highlights for me were positive id's from: WRDW Augusta (1630), KWHN Fort Smith (1650), KCNZ Cedar Falls (1650), WMWR Dry Branch (1670) and WWAA Avondale Estates (1690).

Conclusion: It was a real pleasure to DX from the West Coast again after a long absence from this part of the world. The strength and clarity of the DX received was impressive! Thanks to John for discovering this great site and to Vince for organising the accommodation and antenna logistics! Definitely worthy of a return visit!

SEEFONTEIN 2 DX LOGGINGS JULY 25-28, 2005

- 162 0247 28/07/05 FRANCE France Inter, Allouis. In FF (JP)
- 198 0230 26/07/05 ALGERIA RTA Quargla in AA (JP)
- 530 0517 27/07/05 TURKS & CAICOS. R.Vision Christiana. In SS w gospel, good. (VS)
- 555 0401 27/07/05 ST KITTS ZIZ Basseterre. YL ID & ann in EE and reggae music, very poor with splatter from
- 567 Cape Talk. Signal later improved but was relaying BBC WS. (all)
- 630 1643 27/07/05 MADAGASCAR. RNM 1, Antananarivo. ID x2 at 1801 in FF, poor. Never heard on this freq before, despite relative close proximity. (VS)
- 640 0533 27/07/05 BRAZIL Radio Globo Natal, Natal in PP w ID, very good. (GD)
- 650 0526 27/07/05 COLOMBIA. RCN Ant2, Bogota. SS "Musica del Mundo". Briefly poor-fair (VS)
- 666 1640 27/07/05 REUNION RFO St Pierre, in FF w mx, fair (JP)
- 684 1800 27/07/05 UNIDENTIFIED w Book review in EE. Possibly Mauritius or China, p-f (VS)
- 684 2000 27/07/05 SPAIN RNE1, Sevilla ID in SS & nx, fair (VS)

720 1640 26/07/05 INDIA AIR Chennai w ragas, fair/ good (GD&JP)
 720 1933 25/07/05 AUSTRALIA ABC Perth. Phone-in prog, poor-fair. (all)
 720 0459 27/07/05 BRAZIL Radio Tupi in PP w ID jingle and romantic music, very good (GD)
 740 0500 27/07/05 BRAZIL Radio Soc da Bahia Salvador in PP w ann and ID, very good (GD)
 750 0517 26/07/05 USA WSB Atlanta GA in EE w ad for "Chevrolet" poor (GD)
 760 0540 27/07/05 USA WJR Detroit MI (presumed) in EE w anns, poor - heard briefly (GD)
 770 0531 27/07/05 BRAZIL Radio Atalaia de Sergipe, Aracaju (presumed) in PP w ann - fair (GD)
 780 0531 26/07/05 BRAZIL Radio Jornal do Comercio Recife in PP w ann, excellent steady sig (GD)
 790 0442 27/07/05 BARBADOS Starcom Network Bridgetown. EE relig px "Unshackled" fair (GD)
 800 0320 28/07/05 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES TWR Bonaire in EE w religious pr "Insight For Living" -also ID at 0327 hours as "We're delighted that you found this spot on your radio dial - You're listening to Trans World Radio, Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles." - followed by px "Cross Heart" good (all)
 800 0605 27/07/05 BRAZIL Radio MEC Rio de Janeiro w anns - fair (GD)
 810 0346 26/07/05 COLOMBIA. Caracol, Bogota. ID's and ad for "Banco. Fair w QRM (VS)
 819 1636 27/07/05 MAURITIUS RM2 Malherbes. Lovely Indian music in VV (JP)
 820 0430 27/07/05 USA WBAP Fort Worth TX in EE w wx and ID, fair (GD&JP)
 828 1640 26/07/05 AUSTRALIA 6GN Geraldton (JP)
 840 1930 26/07/05 BRAZIL Unknown station but possible ID for R.Bahia, in PP. poor-fair (VS)
 936 1645 26/07/05 INDIA AIR Tiruchirapalli w ragas, fair w QRM (GD)
 999 1710 26/07/05 SAUDI ARABIA. BSKSA Tabuk. AA // 1512, poor. (VS)
 1030 2100 27/07/05 BRAZIL Radio Olinda, Olinda in PP w ID, good (GD)
 1044 1609 26/07/05 INDIA AIR Mumbai. EE nx, good (VS)
 1053 2355 27/07/05 UNITED KINGDOM Talksport. Many txers. In EE w discussion - poor/fair (GD)
 1060 0554 27/07/05 USA KYW Philadelphia (presumed) w ann poor - heard briefly (GD)
 1062 1549 26/07/05 PHILLIPINES DZEC (presumed) w discussion, fair (GD)
 1130 0555 27/07/05 BRAZIL Radio Nacional Rio de Janeiro in PP w anns, fair (GD)
 1134 1700 26/07/05 CHINA CNR1 w ID and ann, very good (GD&VS)
 1140 0514 26/07/05 USA WRVA Richmond VA (presumed) in EE w discussion, poor (GD&VS)
 1140 0330 27/07/05 USA WRMQ Orlando, FL w "ONews radio WRM" nighttime power 245 watts. Tx lobe favours West (JP)
 1188 1516 26/07/05 CHINA CRI in EE w news, fair (GD)
 1190 0515 26/07/05 USA WOWO Fort Wayne IN (presumed) in EE w phone-in, poor (GD)
 1196.7 1712 26/07/05 ANGOLA EP do Malanje in PP (tentative). Move from 1188? - Heard during a brief break in transmission from Family Radio, Lesotho on 1197, good (1kw) (GD&VS)
 1197 1520 27/07/05 INDIA AIR Tirunelveli w ann, poor (GD)
 1215 0025 28/07/05 UNITED KINGDOM Virgin AM, Moorside Edge in EE w pops incl "Good Vibrations" by the Beach Boys, very poor under QRM (GD)
 1242 1512 27/07/05 VIETNAM Voice of Vietnam Hanoi in EE w news, fair (GD)
 1251 0152 27/07/05 LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA Voice of Africa, Tripoli in EE w news and ID, then into FF!fair (GD)
 1323 1625 27/07/05 CHINA CRI. EE World nx, good. (all) 100
 1359 1540 26/6/05 TAIWAN Family Radio Fangliao w religious pr - fair peak (GD)
 1377 1510 27/07/05 CHINA Huayi BC fading in w anns - poor/ fair (GD)
 1395 0147 27/07/05 NETHERLANDS Radio London in EE w rock classics presented by female announcer. Also ID jingle at 0335: "Music - that's our middle name - Wonderful music B-I-G-L" followed by "Evil Ways" by Santana - fair (GD&VS)
 1400 0146 27/07/05 GRENADA The Harbour Light Of The Windwards, St. George's in EE w religious pr, poor but clear (GD)
 1440 1805 27/07/05 ANGOLA Radio Nacional, Dundo in PP w ID. fair (GD)
 1449 1612 27/07/05 MALDIVES Voice of Maldives, Male in EE w interview about teenage social problems. Back to local Dhivehi language at 1630, good steady signal (all)
 1458 1455 27/07/05 MAYOTTE Radio Mayotte in FF at fade-in - eventually producing a strong consistent signal (all)
 1458 2317 25/07/05 UNITED KINGDOM Sunrise Radio London in w ads, poor (GD)
 1460 0500 28/07/05 USA WTKT Harrisburg PA. No ID but many slogans of "The Ticket" which I subsequently checked on the web and it seems to be WTKT. Sport format. Poor (VS)
 1467 1532 27/07/05 INDIA AIR Jeypore in EE w news / 1566, poor/ fair (GD)
 1484.5 1735 25/07/05 ANGOLA EP do Kuanza-Sul in PP w ann, fair peak (1kw) (GD&VS)
 1503 1442 27/07/05 TAIWAN Family Radio Fangliao w religious px at fade in-the first to fade in eventually producing a very good signal- he best and most consistent from the Far East (GD)

1510 0604 26/07/05 USA WLAC Nashville TN in EE w ID, fair (all)
 1510 0356 26/07/05 USA WWZN Boston, MA. appeared momentarily under WLAC (JP)
 1520 0440 27/07/05 USA WWKB Buffalo, w ID as "KB Radio". (JP)
 1530 1600 26/07/05 PHILLIPINES DXME Quezon City w ID and religious px, very good peak (GD)
 1530 1800 27/07/05 SAO TOME E PRINCIPE VOA Relay in PP w ID, excellent (GD)
 1540 0404 27/07/05 BAHAMAS ZNS1 Nassau in EE w ID as " This is AM 15-40 - The National Voice of the Bahamas" followed by discussion px "Immediate Response" - also at 0507 hours w ads including: "Richie Real Estate" and "KFC" good steady signal with excellent peaks (all)
 1539 1538 26/07/05 INDIA AIR Panaji w ragas, fair (GD)
 1548 1652 26/07/05 AUSTRALIA 4QD Emerald in EE w phone-in, poor under local Radio Islam (GD&VS)
 1548 2015 26/07/05 ST. HELENA Radio St. Helena Jamestown in EE w station ID by male announcer followed by pop music. Also heard at 2144 hours with local announcements by female presenter including: "... The radio quiz on Radio St. Helena continues this week and the winner will receive ten pounds ..." Also heard on 28/7 at 0000 hours with BBC news relay, poor with occasional fair peaks sharing with Capitol Gold, London - only slight intermittent QRM from Radio Islam at this time (GD)
 1548 0001 28/07/05 UNITED KINGDOM, Capital Gold London in EE w time check and ID: "... From Leicester Square this is 15-48 AM - Capital Gold, London..." fair peak (all)
 1557 1455 27/07/05 TAIWAN Family Radio, Fangliao w religious programme at fading in w fair peaks (GD)
 1557 1825 27/07/05 FRANCE France Info, Nice. In FF, good (all)
 1560 0558 27/07/05 BRAZIL Radio Jornal, Leopoldina in PP w ID - poor w fair peaks (250 watts)(GD)
 1566 1530 27/07/05 INDIA AIR Nagpur in EE w news incl a report of a major fire on a train platform, fair (all)
 1566 1532 27/07/05 KOREA HLAZ, Jeju w religious pr - poor (GD&JP)
 1570 0618 28/07/05 MEXICO XERF Ciudad Acuna . in SS w nx - good peak before fade out (GD)
 1575 1710 25/07/05 MAURITIUS BBC relay in EE, good (GD)
 1575 1533 26/07/05 THAILAND VOA relay Ayutthaya w VOA nx in special English, fair (all)
 1575 1810 27/07/05 UAE Radio Farda in AA w ID, very good and consistent (all)
 1580 0438 28/07/05 USA KMJK Phoenix AZ. (TENT) w Radio Disney slogan. Only one with this format on this fqy, poor. (VS)
 1593 1605 27/07/05 CHINA CNR1 w anns, very good (all)
 1600 0525 27/07/05 USA WWRL Woodside NY in EE w nutritional advice, fair peak (GD)
 1600 0256 28/07/05 BRAZIL Radio Nove de Julho, Sao Paulo in PP w ID ann, very good (GD)
 1602 0336 27/07/05 SPAIN Radio Vitoria, Vitoria-Gasteiz in SS w ID jingle - poor w fair peaks (GD&VS)
 1610 0255 28/07/05 ANGUILLA Caribbean Beacon in EE w religious px - fair (all)
 1620 0208 27/07/05 US VIRGIN ISLANDS WDHP Frederiksted in EE w wx rpt and ads including: "... The biggest country show and dance ever on St. Croix - John Hogan and Ellen Stone ... ' A sample of the country music to be performed included, "There Goes Happiness And In Comes LonelinessÓ! Very good (all)
 1620 0059 28/07/05 USA WTAW Collage Road TX in EE w ann, very poor under Virgin Islands (GD)
 1630 0425 28/07/05 USA WRDW Augusta GA in EE w ID as "news talk radio 16-30 WRDW." Also heard on 26/7 at 0200 w ABC news - poor (GD&JP). I also heard 2 stations here, one with Gospel (VS)
 1640 0502 26/07/05 USA WTNI Biloxi MS in EE w news, v poor (GD)
 1650 0305 27/07/05 USA KWHN Fort Smith AR w ID and wx "... Now - Newstalk 16-50 KWHN Oklahoma weather - Good evening - Your official "K-WHN" forecast ..." fair peak (GD)
 1650 0315 27/07/05 USA KCNZ Cedar Falls IA in EE w ID as "16-50 The Fan KCNZÓ weak (GD)
 1660 0454 26/07/05 USA WWRU NJ. ID in EE at 0200, later in Korean.poor-fair (all)
 1660 0405 28/07/05 USA WCNZ Marco Island FL in EE w religious pr, "Relevant Radio" slogan, poor (GD&VS)
 1660 0025 26/07/05 PUERTO RICO WGJ Can—vanas. In SS – "El Gigante" (all) 1
 1670 0229 27/07/05 USA WMWR Dry Branch GA in EE w ann and ID: "... Listen to the "Radio Factor" with Bill O'Reiley - every day from noon "till two - Talk Radio 16-70 WMWR ..." poor (GD&VS)
 1680 0558 26/07/05 USA WDSS Ada MI (tentative) w pops, very poor - (GD)
 1690 0259 27/07/05 USA WWAA Avondale Estates in EE w "the 16-90 AM forecast" wx rpt and ID, poor (GD&VS)
 1700 0402 26/07/05 USA KVNS Brownsville TX in EE w CBS news, fair with good peaks (GD&VS)
 6350 0539 27/07/05 HAWAII AFN Pearl Harbour. V Clear - 18,500 KM'S away. (JP)
 6532 1609 26/07/05 HAWAII SAN FRANCISCO AIRADIO Honolulu working various aircraft (JP)

"Official" sunrise at Seefontein was 0541UTC and sunset 1605 UTC. Seefontein position S32 deg 39 min 6.7 sec, E18 deg 15 min 59.7 sec Propagation average: Solar flux 85, sunspot 23, A index 15, K index 3. (Tx to Jan Alvestad's website) Receivers: Drake R8A (VS) Yaesu FRG-7 (GD) Icom IC-756 PRO III modified for MW reception (JP)

Test: KIWA MW LOOP vs. 1000FT/300M beverage by John Plummer This time I took much more trouble to compare my Kiwa against the beverage. Most of the time the Kiwa was better to much better than the beverage, which was well set, nice and straight and elevated on average about four foot above ground. The beverage was aligned to Australia and "over the shoulder" to central U.S.A., whilst the Kiwa favoured an alignment pointing to Florida. Although the Kiwa was overall better, there were some notable exceptions when the beverage was spectacularly better. It was possible with the scope on the Icom 756 to analyse why the Kiwa was better. A notable example analysed was 555 St. Kitts, Virgin Islands. This weak station was badly affected by splatter from a local station, 567 Cape Talk R. Vince's Drake R8A was badly affected by this splatter over the weak St. Kitts, but my Icom was not. Analysis on the Icom spectrum scope showed that the fault was with the 567 TX splatter coming in on the beverage antenna, but when the Kiwa was switched in and the regenerative circuit optimised, then the splatter was greatly reduced and St. Kitt's much more readable as a result.

Another experiment was listening to the low power TX from Mauritius relaying BBC on 1575. It was much clearer on the Kiwa as the scope showed the ability of the Kiwa to reduce the static coming in on the beverage, which was making the signal barely readable. The Kiwa was able to reduce the static and the regenerative circuit was able to enhance the signal to an acceptable readability. "No!" said Vince and Gary, the Kiwa is able to optimise the direction better than the beverage, so to satisfy them I set the Kiwa on the same bearing as the beverage and the Kiwa was still hands down more readable and better.

Domestic DX Achievements

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Name and location	Yr	Last Upd	SH	PH	TDH	TDT	ST	PT	DCT	DCH	TDV	SV	PV	DCV
Starr, Jerry-Youngstown, OH	54	1/86	50	10	2159	1055	50	10	✓	✓	1610	50	10	✓
Geary, Kermie-e PA	26	7/01	50	10	5939	2768	49	10	✓	✓	5448	50	10	✓
Axelrod, Shawn M-s MAN	86	2/03	50	10	2005	0	0	0	✓	0	0	0	0	✓
Chatterton, Ken-n NY	45	11/78	50	10	1845	0	0	0	✓	1101	50	10	✓	
Foxworth, Robert-Long Island, NY	57	11/78	49	10	1000	400	44	9	✓	✓	270	48	7	✓
Fela, Joseph-cent. NJ	61	10/78	49	10	1861	400	40	7	✓	✓	1045	48	9	✓
Falconer, Jeff-Clinton, ON	69	7/00	49	10	2799	0	0	0	✓	✓	1070	49	10	✓
Krejny, Ed-nr Cleveland, OH	50	11/96	49	10	3265	0	0	0	✓	✓	2729	49	10	✓
Steele, Side II-E	31	7/98	49	10	3450	0	0	0	✓	✓	2986	49	10	✓
Whatmough, Dave-Hamilton, ONT	51	1/00	49	10	2061	0	0	0	✓	✓	1030	49	10	✓
Heinen, Wayne-NY/CO	64	11/03	49	9	1646	30	14	0	✓	✓	1565	49	10	✓
Holland, George Jr, vic. Albany, NY	31	11/85	49	9	828	0	0	0	✓	✓	828	49	9	✓
Wesolowski, Ernie-Omaha, NE	58	1/04	49	9	2321	0	0	0	✓	✓	1966	49	9	✓
Forth, Karl-vic Chicago, IL	70	11/78	48	10	1771	1077	48	10	✓	✓	1088	48	10	✓
DeLurete, Harley-Hendricks, WV	55	10/78	48	10	59	0	0	0	✓	✓	59	48	10	✓
Francis, Steve-n Knoxville, TN	70	3/05	48	9	2722	574	45	3	✓	✓	37	36	0	✓
Anderson, Roger-Arlington, MD	38	1/02	48	9	1017	0	0	0	✓	✓	1017	48	9	✓
Schmidt, Dave-se PA/n DE	65	11/79	48	8	1250	400	40	4	✓	✓	1006	48	8	
Edmunds, R. J.-n NJ/e PA	62	9/99	47	9	2001	806	41	8	✓	✓	263	42	6	✓
Musco, Ron-nr Hartford, CT	62	2/03	47	9	1391	108	28	3	✓	✓	1262	47	9	✓
Arruda, Ray-n Boston, MA	63	6/99	47	9	1292	0	0	0	✓	✓	1150	47	9	✓
Pimper, Dennis-NE, UT	39	12/04	47	7	2540	651	40	5	✓	✓	425	45	6	
Kureth, Joe-Uniontown, MD	61	1/00	46	10	2162	0	0	0	✓	✓	342	41	7	✓
Rigas, Christos-vic Chicago, IL	81	3/98	46	7	862	0	0	0	✓	✓	382	44	6	✓
Truax, Dick-vic Louisville, KY	72	12/78	46	6	935	120	35	5	✓	✓	20	17	3	
DeLorenzo, Marc-e MA	62	9/00	45	9	1172	0	0	0	✓	✓	0	0	0	
Edmunds, R. J.-Syracuse, NY	64	9/99	45	9	533	0	0	0	✓	✓	75	31	5	✓
Wilkins, John-Denver/Des Moines	62	3/00	45	7	2250	290	35	0	✓	✓	1931	45	7	✓
Sampson, John-Omaha, NE	54	12/78	45	6	912	0	0	0	✓	✓	912	45	6	✓
Renfrew, Jim-Rochester, NY	76	3/03	44	8	1709	68	27	5	✓	✓	449	42	10	✓
Swearingen, Paul-e KS	75	1/05	44	7	784	760	44	7	✓	✓	2	2	0	
Jeter, Karl-Atlanta, GA	69	3/84	44	6	1574	0	0	0	✓	✓	1193	44	6	✓
Wolfish, Niel-Toronto, ONT	78	2/93	43	10	1285	402	39	6	✓	✓	493	43	10	✓
Bond, Jerry-Rochester, NY	62	10/78	43	8	785	50	10	2	✓	✓	0	0	0	
Onyschuk, Ken-Homewood, IL	67	8/03	43	6	1060	0	0	0	✓	✓	16	13	0	
Sampson, John-Hutchinson, MN	60	10/78	42	6	336	0	0	0			336	42	6	

Havens, Harry J-ne PA	70	7/98	41	9	1354	641	39	9	✓	✓	185	30	3	
Wallace, Jim-Columbus, OH	69	10/78	41	7	795	0	0	0	✓	✓	137	36	3	✓
Borsma, Philip-w MI	73	10/78	41	6	520	0	0	0			50	24	3	
Malicky, John-Pittsburgh, PA	70	11/87	40	7	1461	1184	40	6	✓	✓	902	38	7	✓
Taylor, Pete-Durham, NC	52	3/00	40	6	891	0	0	0	✓	✓	208	38	6	✓
Reed, John-Ponca City, OK	95	1/03	40	6	656	0	0	0			0	0	0	
Hardy, Nancy-coastal WA	69	12/84	40	5	778	0	0	0			3	2	0	
White, Thomas-Arlington, VA	68	1/92	39	7	994	0	0	0	✓	✓	248	38	7	✓
Ponder, Stephen-Shreveport, LA	75	8/89	39	5	769	10	4	4	✓	✓	721	39	5	✓
Kureth, Joe-Southern Pines, NC	63	6/71	38	7	878	0	0	0	✓	✓	92	26	2	✓
Wolfish, Niel-Winnipeg, MAN	85	2/93	37	9	813	113	10	4			25	10	4	
Bailey, Ron-Shelby, NC	92	1/05	37	5	1529	0	0	0	✓	✓	4	4	0	
Houdek, Gary-n KS	75	2/05	37	4	374	0	0	0			54	26	1	
Mount, Paul-ne NJ	73	2/86	36	7	489	199	26	5	✓	✓	224	33	6	✓
Harrison, Bob-ne NJ	82	6/98	36	7	996	0	0	0	✓	✓	772	36	7	✓
Hardison, Greg-Atlanta, GA	64	11/78	36	6	900	0	0	0			42	19	5	
Smolarek, Bob n NJ	82	6/02	36	5	817	78	16	5	✓	✓	7	7	0	
Karchevski, Bob-San Francisco, CA	69	10/78	36	5	249	197	35	5			198	36	5	
Tudenham, John-Joplin, MO	90	10/97	36	5	444	0	0	0			0	0	0	
Winkelman, Bruce-Tulsa, OK	79	3/04	36	5	601	0	0	0			0	0	0	
Mount, Paul-se OH	78	2/86	36	3	390	60	25	1	✓	✓	3	3	0	
Crabill, Perry - VA	90	1/04	35	3	779	0	0	0	✓	✓	0	0	0	
Jones, David B - Springfield, TN	96	4/05	34	4	464	0	0	0	✓	✓	168	30	4	
Sampson, John-New York, NY	65	12/78	33	6	181	0	0	0	✓	✓	181	33	6	✓
Taylor, Pete-Tacoma, WA	81	3/00	33	3	468	399	33	0			70	14	7	
Taylor, Pete-San Francisco	58	3/00	32	7	450	70	6	1			329	31	7	
Alves, Paul H-nr Boston, MA	48	2/99	32	6	352	0	0	0	✓	✓	145	25	5	✓
Vervoort, John-Brooklyn, NY	00	11/04	31	5	274	25	9	2	✓	✓	450	30	1	
Sampson, John-Winston-Salem, NC	68	10/78	30	1	450	0	0	0	✓	✓	132	30	2	✓
Taylor, Pete-Coral Gables, FL	45	3/00	29	3	221	0	0	0	✓	✓	0	0	0	
Vervoort, John-Murray, KY	03	1/04	29	2	152	7	7	0			0	0	0	
Vervoort, John-Madisonville, KY	04	2/05	29	2	180	0	0	0	✓	✓	0	0	0	
Vervoort, John-Bronx, NY	03	11/04	22	5	144	0	0	0	✓	✓	0	0	0	
Thompson, Blaine-Toledo, OH	03	02/03	22	2	137	0	0	0			0	0	0	
Edmunds, R. J.-ne ME	94	9/99	20	6	172	0	0	0			0	0	0	
Sampson, John-Cupertino, CA	66	10/78	17	3	258	0	0	0			258	17	3	
Turner, Rick-Bemidji, MN	?	6/05	4	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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